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# Russia Seizes London Man

From VICTOR LOUIS

MOSCOW, Thursday.

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**L**ONDONER MR. GERALD BROOKE, LEADER OF A GROUP OF STUDENT TEACHERS VISITING MOSCOW, IS IN A RUSSIAN JAIL TODAY FACING A CRIMINAL CHARGE.

He is believed to be in Lubyanka Prison in the heart of Moscow. No details of the charge have been revealed.

According to a Russian legal source, however, Mr. Brooke will be charged with "subversive activities."

It is understood that he is alleged to have passed a photograph album containing political literature to a Russian family.

There was, however, no immediate official confirmation of this statement.

His wife Barbara told the consular section of the British Embassy on Monday that her 26-year-old husband had been seized.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooke, and the Russian family they were visiting, were arrested on Sunday night.

Mrs. Brooke was released on Monday morning and went straight to the British Embassy.

## POLICE

### Raid On Flat

An Embassy spokesman said the Russian police broke into a Russian citizen's flat while Mr. and Mrs. Brooke were there.

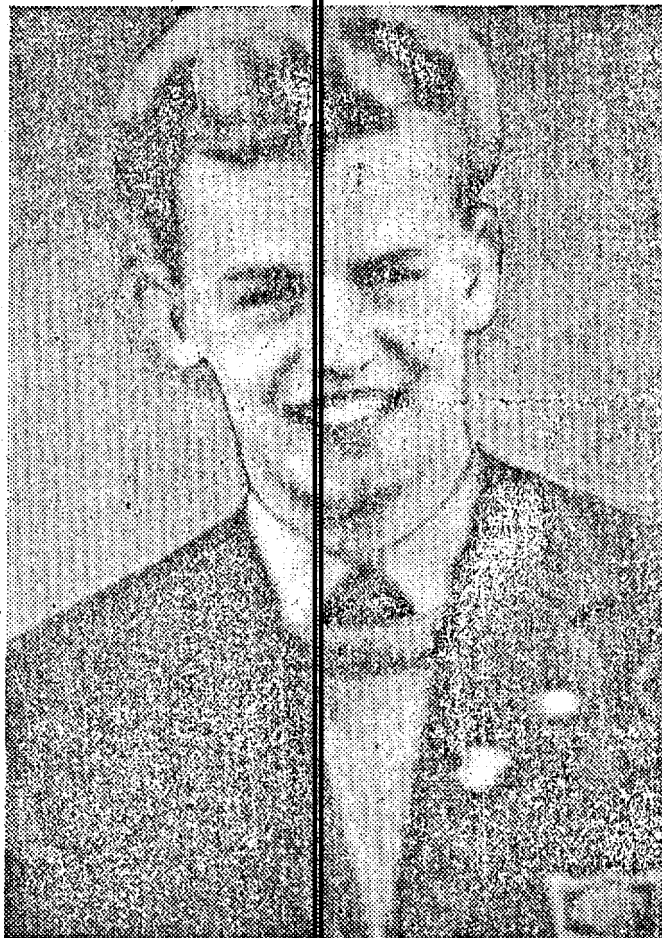
Mr. and Mrs. Brooke, who live in Highwood-avenue, North Finchley, are visiting Moscow with a group of 30 student-teachers of Russian from the Holborn College of Law Language and Commerce, where he is a lecturer.

They arrived on April 18. The

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group was due to leave tomorrow and arrive in London on Sunday.

The Brookes had been staying at the Bucharest Hotel, beside the Moskva River near the Kremlin.

## 'DISTRESSED'

### His Wife

Mrs. Brooke, a librarian, is being looked after by Agnes Wood, the British Consul, who has a flat in Sadavosamotchnaya-street, Moscow.

"Mrs. Brooke is very distressed at her husband's arrest," Miss Wood said to-day.

The Embassy has asked for permission for Mrs. Brooke to see her husband as soon as possible and it was reported unofficially that she would be allowed to visit him late to-day.

An Embassy statement said: "To-day the Foreign Ministry informed the Embassy that the question of a meeting between the Consul and Mr. Brooke would be considered by the competent Soviet organs at the appropriate stage of the investigation of the criminal charge."

## ENVOY

### Urgency

**IN LONDON** Maurice Romilly writes: Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, British Ambassador in Moscow, is making urgent representations to obtain access to Mr. Brooke and to discover the exact charges being brought against him.

It is understood that the Russian Foreign Affairs Ministry have not specified any charge but alleges involvement in "subversive activities."

**IN LONDON** Patrick Lopp writes: I telephoned members of Mr. Brooke's party at their Moscow hotel.

A receptionist put me through to Mr. Paul Harvey, who spoke of the surprise the party had felt when it heard of Mr. Brooke's arrest.

He said: "Our visit was an entirely unofficial one to see the sights of Moscow."

"As far as I know no police came to the hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Brooke went off together to a flat somewhere in Moscow and that was where the arrest took place."